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1. CHINA

PHOTO OF HUA KUO-FENG, GREETING VENEZUELA AMB SATURDAY, WHEN KNOWN HUA NAMED ACTING PREMIER, APPEARS IN NYT (UPI, P.2) AND LAT (AP P.1, 2/8).

PEOPLE OF ROC WILL PRESENT 250-FT LUNAR LANDING MONUMENT TO AMERICANS, COMMEMORATING US BICENTENNIAL, ACCORDING SPOKESMAN FOR GIFT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN TAIPEI MONDAY (WP).

UPI (TAIPEI) SAYS TAIWAN HAS MORE MOTORCYCLISTS PER CAPITA THAN ANY COUNTRY IN WORLD, AND MORE HIGHWAY DEATHS CAUSED BY MOTORCYCLES THAN CARS. ISLAND'S TRAFFIC PATTERN IS CHAOS OF ZIGZAGGING, SNAKE-DRIVING, SPEEDING "EASY UNCLASSIFIED

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RIDERS" WHICH IS DRIVING BYCYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN PUBLIC UP WALL. SOME OUTRAGED CITIZENS ACCUSED JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS OF DUMPING NOTORCYCLES ON TAIWAN, AND JAPANESE BIKES RECENTLY BANNED. BUT NOW COUNTRY HAS 11

OF ITS OWN FACTORIES ASSEMBLING MOTORCYCLES, ALTHOUGH
90 PCT OF ENGINES/SPARE PARTS STILL COME FROM JAPAN
(LAT 2/8).

2. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

LE DUAN SAYS NVN WOULD SUPPORT SEA COUNTRIES SEEKING
"INDEPENDENCE," DEMANDS WITHDRAWAL ALL US FORCES IN
REGION, ESPECIALLY FROM THAILAND (WP). SUN'S ISAACS
AT HK SEES STATEMENT REFLECTING HARDENING NVN LINE.
QUOTES DUAN SPEECH, AT CEREMONY FOR VISITING DELEGATION
FROM LAOS, THAT VN SUPPORTS NK'S DEMAND FOR US WITH-
DRAWAL FROM SK, CHINA'S "JUST STRUGGLE" TO LIBERATE
TAIWAN. ISAACS NOTES ABSENCE IN SPEECH ANY REFERENCE
TO IMPROVED RELS WITH US, IN CONTRAST RECENT UNMISTAKEABLE
HANOI SIGNALS THAT WOULD WELCOME DIP CONTACT, AID.
COMMENTS NVN HAS FORMIDABLE RESOURCES IF CHOOSES GO BEYOND
MORAL SUPPORT, BUT SO FAR INTELL SOURCES SAY NO SIGN
ORGANIZED, LARGE-SCALE HANOI EFFORT ARM INSURGENTS
IN THAILAND, MALAYSIA WHERE COMMUNIST ACTIVITY SURGED
IN PAST 9 MOS. ADDS POTENTIAL WEAPONRY FROM VN HAS
OFFICIALS IN BOTH COUNTRIES WORRIED, AND US WOULD REGARD
HANOI SUPPORT FOR COMMUNIST REBELS IN AREA AS OBSTACLE TO
NORMALIZING RELS.

ECONOMY, ESPECIALLY RISING PRICES, BIGGEST PROBLEM FACED
BY SVN. PROBLEM SEEMS WORSE IN SAIGON THAN IN COUNTRY-
SIDE. LARGE NUMBER BUSINESSMEN, MOSTLY CHINESE,
REPORTEDLY ARRESTED, HAD PROPERTY CONFISCATED LAST SEPT;
ALL WERE DENOUNCED AS PROFITEERS, HOARDERS (UPI, LAT 2/8).

(CSM)SOUTHERLAND AT BANGKOK REPORTS KR RELAX BAN ON
MARRIAGE, SAY NOW TIME TO INCREASE CAMBODIA'S POPULATION
SO COULD REGAIN FORMER GREATNESS. BELIEVES FOOD SHORTAGE
WAS FACTOR IN BAN, EXCELLENT RICE CROP PRECEDED EASING
RESTRICTION.

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CSM CARRIES AP STORY OF AMB. MARTIN'S EARLIER APPEARANCE
BEFORE HOUSE SUBCMTE, ACCUSATION PROPAGANDA LED TO
WITHDRAWAL US SUPPORT, DEFENSE OWN ROLE.

3. ASEAN

FOREIGN MINISTERS IN THAILAND SUPPORT CONTINUED US MIL
PRESENCE IN REGION (WP), EXPRESS CONCERN FOR SECURITY.
SESSION IS PRELUDE FIRST ASEAN SUMMIT SCHEDULED BALI
FEB 22-4 (AP, PHINQ).

4. INDONESIA

PULLMAN UNIT NAMED MANAGING CONTRACTOR FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION MAJOR FERTILIZER COMPLEX TO BE BUILT W JAVA (JOC; WSJ).

5. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

800 FIGHT TRIBAL BATTLE IN HIGHLANDS WITH 28 WOUNDED BY ARROWS, 16 HOUSES DESTROYED. MELEE ENDED WHEN RIOT POLICE WITH TEAR GAS WENT TO AREA (REUTER, NYT).

6. JAPAN

GOJ SUMMONS KODAMA, SEVEN OTHER BUSINESSMEN TESTIFY IN DIET CMTE NEXT WEEK, ABOUT ALLEGED LOCKHEED PAYMENTS (WSJ, NYT). WITNESSES SUBJECT PROSECUTION FOR PERJURY, REFUSAL APPEAR (AP, PHINQ).

CULLISON (JOC) DESCRIBES IMPACT ON TOKYO OF LOCKHEED DISCLOSURES. NOTES RESEARCH PAPERS ON LOCKHEED 1958 SALES CAMPAIGN SELL F-104S TO JAPAN MISSING FROM DIET FILES.

V-MIN DEF KUBO TOLD PRESS EARLY MONDAY TANAKA REVERSED NATL DEFENSE COUNCIL DECISION DEVELOP ASW PLANE IN JAPAN, ORDERED RESTUDY OF PURCHASE FOREIGN PLANE, UNDERSTOOD TO BE LOCKHEED P-3. LATER TOLD PRESS "EARLIER STATEMENT INAPPROPRIATE", SINCE BASED ON "IMAGINATION". DEVELOPMENTS MAY DELAY GOJ DECISION NOW SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST, WHETHER BUY FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC ASW PLANE FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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JASDF (REUTER, TOKYO).

WP'S SAAR (ABRIDGED IN GLOBE) SAYS GOJ WILL ASK CHURCH CMTE FOR NAMES OF OFFICIALS WHO ALLEGEDLY TOOK BRIBES FROM LOCKHEED. CITES "WELL-PLACED SOURCE" WHO SAYS MIKI "DETERMINED" INVESTIGATE, IDENTIFY OFFICIALS INVOLVED. SOURCE SAYS WOULD BE IN INTEREST OF US-JAPAN RELATIONS FOR CMTE SUPPLY NAMES. SOURCE ADDS KYODO REPORT (WASHINGTON) THAT CHURCH CMTE WILL MEET FEB 17 TO DECIDE WHETHER IDENTIFY BRIBE-TAKERS BEING INTERPRETED AS "SIGNAL" TO WHICH MIKI BEING URGED TO ACT.

SEIDEN (SUN) SAYS LDP MONDAY ACCEDED TO OPPOSITION DEMANDS SUBPOENA EIGHT MEN WHO ALLEGED TOOK 12 MILLION DOL PAYOFFS. EXPECTED TESTIFY DIET CMTE FEB 16, 17 ARE KODAMA, OSANO, FOUR MARUBENI OFFICIALS, ALL JAPAN AIRWAYS PRES, VP. NOTES TESTIMONY MIGHT INVOLVE SOME PRESENT CABINET MEMBERS WHO SERVED IN TANAKA GOVT AT TIMES BRIBES ALLEGEDLY TAKEN. ADDS LDP REP SENT US HAS SCHEDULED MEETING WITH KOTCHIAN.

SMITH (NYT) IN WASHINGTON CITES GAO REPORT LOCKHEED MAY

NOT BE ABLE REPAY FEDERALLY GUARANTEED LOANS WHEN DUE.
NOTES GAO AUDIT DATED JAN 30 SHOWS LOCKHEED PAID ABOUT
24.4 MILLION DOLS IN "KICKBACKS" ABROAD.

ROSENBLATT (LAT 2/7) CITES KOTCHIAN TESTIMONY IN CHURCH
CMTE FRIDAY, THAT LOCKHEED HAS HALTED ALL PAYMENTS TO
GOVT OFFICIALS ABROAD.

JAMESON (LAT 2/8) SAYS MIKI ORDERED GOJ INVESTIGATION OF
ALLEGATIONS "TO UPHOLD THE HONOR OF THE GOVERNMENT".
CITES MARUBENI PRES HIYAMA DENIAL OF KOTCHIAN TESTIMONY,
AS "INTOLERABLE IMPOSITION". NOTES LDP DIETMAN BUNSEI
SATO SENT US SUNDAY, HOPES MEET KOTCHIAN; PLEDGED REVEAL
NAME OF ANY OFFICIALS FOUND WHO TOOK PAYOFF.

JAMESON (2/6) REVIEWS REVIVAL OF
INTEREST JCP CHAIRMAN MIYAMOTO CONVICTION OF BEATING
TO DEATH SUSPECTED POLICE SPY IN 1933. AFTER 12 YEAR
DETENTION, SENTENCED LIFE BY WARTIME COURT, RELEASED
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BY OCCUPATION ORDER FREEING POLITICAL PRISONERS.
LAST WEEK MINJUS INABA AGREED TO DSP CHAIRMAN KASUGA
DEMAND FOR INVESTIGATION LDP, KOMEITO SUPPORT CALL,
BUT JSP, AFTER SIX-DAY SILENCE, JOINED JCP IN ASKING
INCIDENT BE FORGOTTEN. STATES REVIVAL OF MANSLAUGHTER
CHARGE MAY THREATEN IMAGE OF "LOVABLE COMMUNIST PARTY"
FOSTERED BY MIYAMOTO.

WSJ'S JANSSEN (2/9) NOTES G-10 FORMED BLUNDEN CMTE 1974,
WHICH CONTINUES MEET QUIETLY, REGULARLY AT BIS IN BASEL,
AS SORT OF EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR CENTRAL BANKS OF MAJOR
INDUSTRIAL STATE NATIONS, INCLUDING US, JAPAN, TO DETECT
SIGNS OF WEAKNESS IN COMMERCIAL BANKS.

MITSUBISHI MOTOR CO SAID MONDAY NEGOTIATING WITH CHRYSLER
ON EXPORT OF TRUCK ENGINES. DENIED REPORT AGREEMENT
REACHED (CSM).

MIKI SAID HAVING DIFFICULTY FINDING WOMAN FOR APPOINTMENT
AS JAPAN'S FIRST LADY AMBASSADOR. ONE DECLINED BECAUSE
WOULD NOT ALLOW SELF BECOME "EMBELLISHMENT" FOR "THIS
TRADITIONAL MALE STRONGHOLD" (DREYFUSS, WP).

CHITRIB'S YATES (2/9) IN TOKYO TELLS HOW JAPANESE BUSINESS-
MEN, INDUSTRIALISTS TRYING PERSUADE GOJ LIFT NINE-YR OLD
BAN ON ARMS EXPORTS, AS MEANS STIMULATE SLUGGISH ECONOMY,
SECURE OIL. CRITICS SAY ACTIONS SMACK OF "DAMN THE
CONSTITUTION, FULL SPEED AHEAD."

7. GENERAL

JOC NOTES WORLD RICE CROP RISES 4.8 PCT, WITH MAJOR DEFICIT COUNTRIES' IMPORT NEEDS TEMPERED BY GENERALLY

GOOD CROPS, PROSPECT INCREASED COMPETITION AMONG EXPORTERS. SAYS SHIPMENT LEVELS MAJOR ASIAN EXPORTERS IN FIRST HALF 1976 WILL BE INFLUENCED BY EFFECTIVENESS GOVT-TO-GOVT RICE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND, IN CASE THAILAND, RATES EXPORT LEVIES.

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7. JAPAN

WP NOTES STENCH OF CORRUPTION IS STRONG IN US CORPORATE PAYOFFS TO FOREIGNERS. SAYS MOST FOREIGNERS DO NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN US CORPS AND USG. CALLS ATTENTION TO JAPAN WHERE RIGHT WING POLITICAL FIGURE WAS FINANCED BY US CORP IN CONFLICT WITH US FOPOL. CRITICIZES DOS POLICY OF SAYING "PAYMENTS OF THE LOCKHEED TYPE ARE A PROBLEM JUST FOR THE HOST GOVERNMENT...." CALLS FOR CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION FORCING DISCLOSURE OF PAY-OFFS AND FOR USG ACTION IN CONCERT WITH ALLIES TO DEFINE AND ENFORCE SUITABLE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR INTERNATIONAL PROCUREMENT DECISIONS.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS SAYS LOCKHEED PAYMENTS APPEAR DESIGNED SOLELY TO CREATE A PRO-REARMAMENT CLIMATE IN JAPAN. SAYS US WAS IN EFFECT PURSUING TWO DIFFERING POLICIES IN JAPAN. LOCKHEED ACTIONS "CANNOT BE TOLERATED".

GLOBE NOTES TWO PRIMARY CONCERNS FOR THE USG WITH REGARD TO LOCKHEED PAYOFFS: 1) US BUSINESS REPUTATION BADLY TARNISHED, 2) FOOLISHNESS OF ATTEMPTING TO KEEP THESE ACTIVITIES SECRET LEADS ONE TO WONDER WHAT OTHER STUPID THINGS THEY HAVE DONE INVOLVING FOREIGNERS. URGES CONGRESS TO TAKE A HAND IN EXAMINING REPUTATION OF US IN WORLD MARKET PLACE.

CHICAGO SUN TIMES SAYS BRIBES PAID BY SUBSIDIZED CORPS ARE PAID BY US TAXPAYERS. CALLS FOR FULL INVESTIGATION AND LEGISLATION TO ENSURE NO REPETITION.

HALLORAN (NYT 2/8) PERCEIVES SIGNS CONTRADICTING FORECAST BY POLITICIANS, ECONOMISTS LAST SPRING THAT RECESSION BOTTOMING OUT, SLOW RECOVERY UNDER WAY IN JAPAN. NEWS SINCE SUMMER BAD -- PRODUCTION DIPPING, INVENTORIES UP, EXPORTS STAGNANT, CONSUMER SPENDING, PLANT INVESTMENT SHUFFLING ALONG. ONLY GOOD NEWS PRICES NOT CLIMBING RAPIDLY AS BEFORE. SEES OFFICIALS, BANKERS, ECONOMISTS NOW TURNING TO MORE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION: WHETHER THIS JUST ANOTHER RECESSION, OR DID OIL CRISIS MARK FUNDAMENTAL

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CHANGE IN NATION'S ECONOMY.

"POLITICAL ACTIVIST" PAUL JACOBS (LAT 2/8) REVIEWS DOUBTS ABOUT SAFETY BEGINNING CATCH UP WITH DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER. NOTES MULTI-MILLION DOL FIRE AT BROWN'S FERRY REACTOR, ALA, MARCH 5, AND ACCIDENT AT TARAPUR REACTOR (INDIA) THAT CONTAMINATED SEA OUT TO 40 KM. CITES READERS' DIGEST BOOK, "WE ALMOST LOST DETROIT", ABOUT NEAR RUNAWAY OF REACTOR IN 1966. SAYS SHUTDOWN OF US-BUILT REACTORS IN JAPAN HAS ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF ANTI-NUCLEAR FORCES THERE.

WP (2/7) REVIEWS QUESTION OF IMPORT QUOTAS, WHICH ALWAYS RAISE COSTS TO CONSUMER, LIMIT CHOICES. FINDS RECENT ITC RECOMMENDATION PRES IMPOSE QUOTAS ON SPECIALTY STEEL "WEAK AND UNPERSUASIVE". NOTES ITC NOW GRAPPLING WITH DECISION ON IMPORTED SHOES. STATES TROUBLES OF AMERICAN SHOEMAKERS NOT ENTIRELY ECONOMIC, ALSO SUFFER FROM "PROFOUND LACK OF PIZZAZZ", INABILITY MEET CHANGING DEMAND. THUS CONSUMER TURNS TO IMPORTS FROM EUR, JAPAN. FEARS PRES MAY BE TEMPTED, IN STEEL CASE, REVIVE MURKY "VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS," WHICH WOULD MEAN EDGING STILL CLOSER TO INTL STEEL CARTEL.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS NOTES THAT EXTENSION OF FISHING LINE BY CONGRESS WILL CREATE PROBLEMS FOR DOS AND DOD IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH OTHER NATIONS. BUT IN THIS CASE CONGRESS HAS A CLEARER VIEW OF PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS THAN DOES THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. CURRENT 12 MILE LIMIT OFFERS INADEQUATE PROTECTION TO US FISH RESOURCES. SAYS CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WILL EXERT PRESSURE FOR VIABLE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AT LOS CONFERENCE. SAYS PASSAGE OF ACT BY FULL CONGRESS AND SIGNATURE BY PRES (AS HE SHOULD) WOULD SERVE NOTICE ON OTHER NATIONS THAT THEY EITHER GET TOGETHER ON LOS OR THAT THE US WILL TAKE MATTERS INTO ITS OWN HANDS.

8. CHINA

MORRIS UDALL SAYS PLANNED NIXON PRC VISIT IS "SERIOUS
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MISTAKE," AND PRES SHOULD URGE HE CANCEL JOURNEY. MAINTAINS ALL TRIP WILL DO IS REMIND WORLD, US PEOPLE, OF "ENTIRE WATERGATE DISGRACE"--ABOUT WHICH NIXON "HAS POOR JUDGMENT. . . IN HIS OWN MIND, HE DOES NOT SEE HIMSELF AS A DISGRACED PRESIDENT, BUT PART OF HISTORY, AND THIS TRIP IS TO BOLSTER HIM PSYCHOLOGICALLY, (LAT 2/8).

LAT'S ELEGANT (2/7), IN HK, ASSERTS PEKING'S INVITATION TO NIXON MOTIVATED BY REASONS RANGING FROM PLAIN PRACTICALITY TO NEAR SENTIMENTALITY. ADDS FACT THAT MAO TSE-TUNG ISSUED INVITATION DEMONSTRATED PEKING CONSIDERS IT MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY MANEUVER. SAYS INVITATION MAY ALSO BE BASED ON PRC MISREADING OF US DOMESTIC OPINION REGARDING NIXON. SUGGESTS CHINESE, CONSIDERING SPECTACULAR SUCCESS OF FIRST NIXON PRC VISIT, UNDOUBTEDLY HOPE HIS SECOND WILL HELP HIM MAKE COMEBACK TO MAJOR INFLUENCE IN US.

ELEGANT FEELS THAT ON PRACTICAL SIDE, CHINESE SEE NIXON AS MAN WHO, IN GOOD PART, AIDED THEIR EMERGENCE AS MAJOR FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY; ON SENTIMENTAL SIDE, CHINESE DO NOT DESERT FRIENDS IN ADVERSITY. THINKS THEY ALSO CONSIDER NIXON STRONG, DECISIVE LEADER, AND INVITATION APPEARS INTENDED PRESS ADMIN CONTINUE SINO-US DEBATE REGARDING DETENTE WITH SOVIET. BELIEVES PEKING HOPES NIXON TRIP, AND WHATEVER HE SAYS THERE OR ON RETURN, WILL EMPHASIZE NEED FOR US ABANDONING WHAT PEKING CONSIDERS ILLUSIONS REGARDING DETENTE WITH SOVIET.

LAT'S ABRAMSON (2/7) SAYS, WITH NH PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY COMING TWO DAYS AFTER BEGINNING NIXON TRIP, WH AND FORD CAMPAIGN AIDES WERE LESS THAN OVERJOYED BY PROSPECT NIXON BEING IN SPOTLIGHT. CONTENTS FORD'S POPULARITY WITH PUBLIC PLUMMETED AFTER HE PARDONED NIXON, AND PRES NEVER HAS REGAINED HIS PEAK STANDING IN OPINION POLLS. CITING REPORTED AFFECTION WITH WHICH CHINESE STILL REGARD NIXON, QUOTES RECENT PRC VISITOR, REP PATRICIA SHROEDER, THAT MEMBERS OF HER CODEL WHO TRIED EXPLAIN TO CHINESE WHY NIXON FORCED FROM OFFICE FOUND THEIR HOSTS "DIDN'T WANT THAT IMPUT." UNCLASSIFIED

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LAT CARTOONIST CONRAD (2/9) PROFILES NIXON PHONING FORD AND SAYING, "YOU COULD APPOINT ME AMBASSADOR TO CHINA-- BUT IT WOULD BE WRONG;" WSTAR'S OLIPHANT (2/8) HAS NIXONS BEING GREETED BY MAO, WHO SAYS: "YOU PROBABLY ARE WONDERING WHY WE ASK YOU BACK, MR. NIXON. FOLLOWING ARE LIST OF OUTSTANDING TAXES, LANDING FEES, ROOM AND BOARD, ENTERTAINMENT, TRAVEL EXPENSES. . ." FLANNERY (SUN) SHOWS PRC-BOUND, DANCING NIXON, AS FORD TELLS HAK, "THAT'S MY ACT."

SUN FINDS HUA KUO-FENG'S QUALIFICATIONS "OBVIOUS AFTER THE FACT." SAYS IF PRC'S INTERNAL POLITICS SUGGEST LEFTISTS HAVE MUCH MORE STRENGTH THAN WESTERNERS GUESSED,

ITS DIPLOMACY IS STILL CALCULATEDEASSURE THAT PEKING

WILL NOT SOON RETREAT INTO GPCR ISOLAION. HOLDS THAT ANNOUNCEMENT NIXON REVISIT PRECEDED HUA ANNOUNCMENT SO CLOSELY THAT IT SURELY HAD BLESSING OF BOTH HUA, MAO, AND NOTHING COULD MORE STRONGLY SIGNAL PEKING'S DETERMINATION PROCEED WITH DIPLOMACY-AS-USUAL, WHETHER NIXON VISIT MEANT TO RE-EMPHASIZE MAO'S ANTI-SOVIET LINE OR UNDERCUT VALUE OF RECENT FORD VISIT. SUGGESTS NIXON PRC VISIT UNLIKELY MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE IN WORLD, BUT MIGHT BE MARGINALLY USEFUL AS SYMBOL OF PEKING'S DIPLOMATIC CONTINUITY IN TIME OF INTERNAL UNCERTAINTY. ARGUES THAT PRIVATE US CITIZEN COULD DO LITTLE IRREPARABLE MISCHIEF BY VISITING PRC EVEN IF HE WISHED, AND NIXON NOT LIKELY DESIRE DO ANYTHING TARNISH MOST-PRAISED ACHIEVEMENT OF HIS FALLEN ADMIN. IF HUA, NIXON WANT SEE EACH OTHER, SEEMS FAIR USE OF AMERICAN'S RIGHT OF FREE TRAVEL.

WP'S GREENWAY, IN HK, SAYS HUA ELEVATION, COUPLED AS IT WAS WITH FRIDAY'S PEOPLE'S DAILY EXTRAORDINARILY BITTER ATTACK ON "MODERATES," HAS CAUSED ANALYSTS REASSESS MANY PREVIOUSLY-HELD ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT PRC CURRENT POLITICS. CONTENTS EVENTS INDICATE TENSIONS WITHIN PRC LEADERSHIP ARE CLOSER SURFACE, MORE VOLATILE, THAN PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED, AND MODERNIZATION/MODERATION COURSE CHOU EN-LAI CHARTED TO PUT COUNTRY'S ECONOMY INTO WORLD "FRONT UNCLASSIFIED

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RANKS" CAN NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED SECURE AS BEFORE. WHILE SURPRISING THAT LEFT HAD MUSCLE TO BLOCK TENG HSIAO-PING BECOMING PREMIER, WOULD BE PREMATURE TO WRITE HIM ENTIRELY OUT OF GAME. THERE IS STILL HIS PLA AND PARTY POSITIONS TO BE CONSIDERED, AND HIS POWER BASE IN PROVINCES HAS GROWN WITH NUMBER OF OTHER REHABILITATED OFFICIALS HE HAS PUT BACK IN OFFICE. HUA NEITHER VICE CHAIRMAN NOR MEMBER OF STANDING COMMITTEE, RANKS ONLY 11TH ON POLITBURO. THIS MAY CHANGE, HOWEVER, AND CHINA-WATCHERS AWAIT RESULTS PARTY PLENUM.

LAT'S ELEGANT (2/8), IN HK, SAYS NAMING HUA ACTING PREMIER ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED PRC'S INABILITY PROVIDE ORDERLY TRANSITION OF POWER OR RECONCILE BITTERLY CONTENDING POWER FACTIONS WITHIN CCP.

9. INDOCHINA

GEYER (CDN 2/5) REVIEWS INCREDULITY WITH WHICH AMB MARTIN'S TESTIMONY RECEIVED BY HOUSE SUBCMTE. NOTES BLAMED VN FALL ON CONGRESS FOR NOT VOTING MORE AID, BUT DID NOT MENTION BILLIONS IN MIL EQUIPMENT ABANDONED BY ARVN. FINDS

STRANGE THAT VIRTUALLY NO DOS OFFICIALS WHO WORKED UNDER MARTIN ARE AROUND WASHINGTON; ALL SHIPPED TO FOREIGN

POSTS. ASSERTS HONESTLY CRITICAL SYSTEMATICALLY WEEDED OUT OF EVERY GOVT LEVEL DURING, AFTER VN BY SYSTEM WITH MINDLESS POLICY OF "GOING ALONG." BELIEVES THIS IS REASON CONGRESS IN FURY STRIKING OUT IN ALL DIRECTIONS. SEES MISERY BEING DRAWN OUT SINCE LACK REALLY STRONG, HONEST MAN IN WH, GUTS TO ADMIT WERE WRONG.

DASH (WP) DRAWS PARALLEL BETWEEN VN, ANGOLA. SAYS AMONG POINTS BEING OVERLOOKED, AS IN EARLY STAGES VN WAR, TEMPTATION THINK, TALK IN TERMS CONVENTIONAL WAR. RECALLS VN STARTED AS GUERRILLA WAR AGAINST FRENCH, EVOLVED INTO SERIES BATTLES OVER STRONG POINTS, TEMPORARILY RESOLVED AT DIEN BIEN PHU, FLARED UP AGAIN AS GUERRILLA WARFARE AGAINST US-BACKED REGIME. CALLS INSTRUCTIVE THAT SIDE THAT PROFITED MOST FROM MASSIVE OUTSIDE INTERVENTION DID NOT WIN.
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MCCARTNEY (PHINQ) CONCLUDES HAK HAS DECLINED IN PRESTIGE WITH CONGRESS, POWER. RECOUNTS HISTORY ANTI-VN WAR VOTES, AS HAK DEFEATS MOUNTED WITH TIME.

PHILBULL (2/4) CITES NVN CLAIM OF NIXON PROMISE 3.25 BILLION DOLS IN AID. NOTES SOME CONGRESSMEN WOULD LIKE KNOW MORE ABOUT IT; CONSIDERS HIGHLY UNLIKELY CONGRESS WILL PAY OFF. NOTES NVN "BILL" STIRS UNFOND MEMORIES OF "IMPERIAL PRESIDENCY."

WSTAR (2/7) FINDS NVN CONNECTING 3.25 BILLION DOL AID PROMISE, INFO ON MIAS, ABOUT PAR FOR COURSE IN TERMS MORALITY, SENSITIVITY HANOI LEADERS. SAYS SURPRISING IS SOLEMN WAY HOUSE CMTE MEMBERS CONVEYED THIS BIT INTL BLACKMAIL TO PRES. NOTES APPARENT DISCREPANCY BETWEEN MEMO NVN CLAIMS HAVE, PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE IN JAN 73 BY HAK, SEEMS INTEREST REP MCCLOSKEY. OPINES NVN BLACKMAIL OUTRAGEOUS, SINCE C-F NOT ADHERED TO, SVN TAKEN BY MIL FORCE. CONCLUDES NVN LEADERS DON'T GIVE UP EASILY, PLAY SHAMELESSLY ON ANGUISH MIA FAMILIES TO BRING PRESSURE ON US; BUT NO QUESTION WHAT OUR PROPER RESPONSE SHOULD BE.

WILKINSON (CSM) REVIEWS WESTMORELAND'S BOOK, "A SOLDIER REPORTS," FINDS NARRATIVE CONSTRUCTED AROUND BASIC "HANDICAPS" IN FIGHTING WAR. OPINES GOOD THAT WESTY HAS SAY, THOUGH MANY WILL DISPUTE HIS CONCLUSIONS (2/9).

10. KOREA

NYT'S HALLORAN (2/7) AT SEOUL NOTES WITH POLITICIANS OUT OF CABINET, PARK RULES SK DIRECTLY. SAYS CABINET NAMED DEC, MADE UP OF BUREAUCRATS, RETIRED GENS, FORMER STAFF AIDES, 2 ACADEMICS, IS PARK'S EFFORT "DEPOLITICIZE" SK

PUBLIC LIFE, WITH PRES ONLY POWER CENTER. STATES POWER
BASE IS ARMY; CONTROL INSTRUMENTS ARE KCIA, POLICE;
MACHINERY FOR CARRYING OUT PRES' POLICY IS CABINET,
BUREAUCRACY. POINTS OUT POTENTIAL CONTENDERS FOR POWER,
VISIBLE SUCCESSORS SHUNTED ASIDE, DISCREDITED; AUTHORITY
OF BLUE HOUSE NOW UNQUESTIONED. BELIEVES NATL BUREAU-
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CRACY BECOMES MORE OPPRESSIVE OF PEOPLE, GIVES SEVERAL
EXAMPLES. DETECTS TENSION BETWEEN PUBLIC, POLICE; STATES
FOREIGNERS NOT IMMUNE FROM GETTING "HARD TIME" FROM
OFFICIALS.

WP'S SAAR IN SEOUL (2/9) SAYS SK'S PHENOMENAL INDUSTRIAL
GROWTH OVER LAST 15 YEARS ACCOMPLISHED BY WHOLESAL
EXPLOITATION 2 MILLION WORKERS IN MINING, MANUFACTURING,
WITH GROWTH BRINGING FEW IMPROVEMENTS IN LIVING STDS,
WORK CONDITIONS. NOTES WAGES LOW, HOURS LONG, STRIKES
ILLEGAL, UNIONS CONTROLLED BY GOVT. TELLS STORY OF SEOUL
WORKING GIRL. QUOTES OBSERVERS THAT AWARENESS,
RESENTMENT GROWING IN WORK FORCE.

11. GENERAL

NYT OPINES PRESIDENTIAL YR POLITICS, WH-HILL CONFLICTS
ERODE BASIS BIPARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY. NOTES USSR
POWER PROJECTION STRETCHES OVER MANY AREAS INCLUDING
WATERS AROUND JAPAN, SEA, INDIAN OCEAN. SEES RESULT
THAT DETENTE MANAGEMENT TAKING ON COMPLEXITY WITH WHICH
AS YET US FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE HAS HARDLY BEGUN TO DEAL.
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